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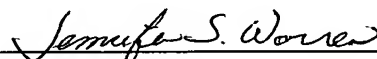
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Attached hereto are **Amendments to the Claims** which are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. The changes in claims 4 – 9, 11 and 13 only relate to formalities, such as deletion of multiple dependencies. The definition of X in claim 12 has been clarified based on the examples, page 9, which discloses the use of 3-chloro-2-hydroxypropyldodecyldimethyl ammonium chloride (Q342) as a compound of formula Ia. New claim 15 is based on original claim 7. New claim 16 is based on original claims 11 and 12. New claim 17 is based on original claim 14. New claim 18 is based on original claims 11 and 14. No new subject matter is added by these amendments.

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